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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

KEITER RECEIVES RESEARCH AWARD

CHARLESTON, IL--Richard Keiter, chemistry professor at Eastern Illinois University, has been awarded a Cottrell College Science Award from the Research Corporation in Tucson, Arizona.

The award, established in memory of Frederick Gardner Cottrell, a professor of physical chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley, is given to faculty who involve undergraduates in their research and encourage talented students to pursue careers in science.

Recipients are chosen based on the significance and feasibility of their proposed research project, as well as the intent of student participation and the contributions the research may make toward strengthening the college's science program.

Keiter will use the \$30,000 award to support research of organometallic oligomers and polymers of iron carbonyl complexes, which deals with controlling the electron flow in semiconductors.

Student researchers participating in the project are chemistry majors Travis Harris, a senior from Mount Carmel; and Matthew Hayner, a junior from Oswego. The research team began their work over the summer.

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"The program gives students an opportunity to do hands-on chemistry instead of just reading and learning about it from a book," Keiter said.

He added, "Students are compensated for doing research in their field which they may get published and enhance their chances of being accepted into a good graduate school."